

Monkton Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Head of School here at Monkton. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Wilson and Mrs Stone.

The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I think it is crucial to involve the children and their families as partners in their education. I am also keen on building a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, I will be able to meet you in school where you will have the chance to speak to me, chat with other parents and enjoy a slice of cake and a coffee at the same time!

Covid - 19 Measures - Term 1

As we move into a new year and new term, I would like the opportunity to remind you of important procedures that we are keeping in order to reduce the risk of covid-19 infections. As per the government's most recent guidance, we are continuing to maintain:

- Good hygiene for everyone, including hand-washing at key times of the day
- Appropriate cleaning regimes
- Well ventilated rooms which are occupied

Fortunately, we no longer need to keep children in Pods - it's going to be great to see children mixing with one another again!

For this term, we are continuing with our staggered arrival and departure times. Please see these below:

Arrival	Depart
Class 4 - 8:40am	Class 4 - 3:10pm
Class 3 - 8:45am	Class 3 - 3:05pm
Class 2 - 8:50am	Class 2 - 3:00pm
Class 1 - 8:50am	Class 1 - 3:00pm

Please note that the times shown above are for Term 1 only and may change for Term 2.

Our full risk assessment for detailing how we will effectively manage and reduce the risk of covid-19 is on our school website.





You can be assured that as Head of School, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school family. Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school - I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school most days. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Marston." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr. C. Marston
Head of School